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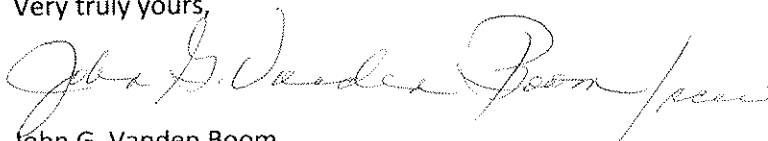
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Dear Judge Rhodes:

I am a 77 year old retired Senior Fire Inspector for the City of Detroit. I retired from DFD in 1986. My wife and I are on a fixed income. Of course, our retirement planning was based on the health care package promised to us at the time of my retirement. I have been through a series of medical issues; doctor visits; physical therapy; medicine costs; and, \$25/copays. We simply cannot afford to absorb increases in our medical costs.

I am asking whether you can help us and all firefighters who are in similar circumstances. Thank you for your time and consideration, I remain

Very truly yours,


John G. Vanden Boom

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